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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Utility Model No. SHO 57-115658, which was published on July 17, 1982, along with a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-154027, which was published on June 3, 1994, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-182255, which was published on July 5, 1994, along with an English language Abstract of the same; and

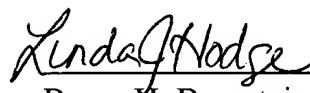
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-191478, which was published on July 13, 1999, along with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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